

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1 - 49. (canceled)

1 50. (previously presented) A coffee machine comprising:
2 a housing;

3 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
4 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
5 and a lower position;

6 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
7 and fittable with the lower supply part;

8 guide means on the housing and container including a
9 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between

10 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
11 part and pressing the lower part into the
12 upper position, and

13 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
14 lower part and tipped away from the lower
15 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
16 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
17 or cleared out of the container, the
18 container being separable from the housing
19 in the loading/emptying position; and

20 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
21 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee

22 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
23 container.

1 51. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined
2 in claim 50 wherein the pivot is below the slide.

1 52. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 51 wherein the guide means further includes a nonstraight
3 guide along which the slide is displaceable.

1 53. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 50 wherein the container has a plurality of telescoping parts
3 extensible to form an infusion chamber capable of holding the
4 coffee grounds and fittable with the supply lower part and
5 collapsible for clearing of the grounds from the chamber.

1 54. (currently amended) ~~The coffee machine defined in~~
2 ~~claim 54, wherein the container has three such parts provided with~~
3 A coffee machine comprising:

4 a housing;

5 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
6 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
7 and a lower position;

8 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
9 and fittable with the lower supply part;

10 guide means on the housing and container including a
11 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between
12 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
13 part and pressing the lower part into the
14 upper position, and
15 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
16 lower part and tipped away from the lower
17 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
18 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
19 or cleared out of the container, the
20 container being separable from the housing
21 in the loading/emptying position;
22 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
23 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
24 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
25 container;
26 a plurality of telescoping parts extensible to form an
27 infusion chamber capable of holding the coffee grounds and fittable
28 with the supply lower part and collapsible for clearing of the
29 grounds from the chamber; and
30 abutment means for sequential shifting of the parts on
31 movement from a collapsed position to an extended position.

1 55. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 54, further comprising
3 a clearing element that can sweep across one of the parts
4 in the collapsed position for clearing the coffee grounds from the
5 chamber.

1 56. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 54, further comprising
3 a latch lever for securing together the parts on
4 separation of the container from the housing.

1 57. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 54, further comprising
3 [[first]]safety means for preventing operation of the
4 supply means when the parts are improperly fitted to the lower
5 supply part.

1 58. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 57 wherein the [[first]] safety means includes position
3 detecting means on the housing for detecting the position of one of
4 the telescoping parts.

1 59. (currently amended) ~~The coffee machine defined in~~
2 ~~claim 50, further comprising second~~ A coffee machine comprising:
3 a housing;

4 an upper supply part on the housing and a lower supply
5 part movable relative to the upper part between an upper position
6 and a lower position;

7 a container adapted to hold a charge of coffee grounds
8 and fittable with the lower supply part;

9 guide means on the housing and container including a
10 slide and a pivot for displacement of the container between

11 a coffee-making position fitted with the lower
12 part and pressing the lower part into the
13 upper position, and

14 a loading/emptying position spaced from the
15 lower part and tipped away from the lower
16 part, whereby in the loading/emptying
17 position coffee grounds can be loaded into
18 or cleared out of the container, the
19 container being separable from the housing
20 in the loading/emptying position; and

21 supply means connected through the upper supply part with
22 the lower supply part for forcing a hot fluid through the coffee
23 grounds in the container only in the coffee-making position of the
24 container; and

25 safety means including spring-loaded teeth engageable
26 between the housing and the container for preventing operation of
27 the machine when the container is not in a position fitted
28 perfectly to the housing.

1 60. (currently amended) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 59 wherein the ~~second~~ safety means include a cover engageable
3 with the container and a switch operable by the cover when the
4 cover engages the machine in the perfectly fitted position of the
5 container.

1 61. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 50, further comprising
3 means including a valve upstream of the supply means
4 openable to supply water thereto.

1 62. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 61 wherein the valve includes a hollow valve body, a piston
3 slidable therein, and formations and passages on the body and
4 piston.

1 63. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 62 wherein the formations include three annular outwardly
3 open grooves formed on the piston, the piston having an end face
4 forming a variable-volume compartment with the valve body.

1 64. (previously presented) The coffee machine defined in
2 claim 63 wherein the piston is formed with a first duct extending
3 between one of the grooves and the compartment and a second duct
4 extending between another of the grooves and the exterior.